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SUBJECT : CONTROL OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL

REFERENCE : STATE 065793

## A. SECOND HALF FY-75

OBJECT CLASS	TOTAL	NO. OF TRIPS
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2155	513	3
2156	3,403	55
2157	10,173	8
2161	1,546	1
2162	2,114	1
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TOTAL	17,749	68

## B. FIRST HALF FY-76

2153	1,652	1
2155	364	3
2156	2,470	55
2157	3,280	6
2161	13,512	9
2162	4,028	4
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TOTAL	25,306	78
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C. SECOND HALF FY -76

2153	2,000	2
2155	2,807	9
2156	3,703	83
2157	5,246	9
2161	3,893	3
2162	964	1

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TOTAL	18,613	107
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D. PLUS \$18,61434

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. EXPLANATION OF INCREASE:

A. NO CHANGE IN PER DIEM NOR IN SUBSISTENCE RATES.

B. COMMON CARRIER COST INCREASES: AIRLINES INCREASED RATES 7.5 PERCENT ON 1 APRIL 1976. THIS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE OF \$209 APPROXIMATELY FOR THE COMPARABLE AIR-TRAVEL.

C. COST OF GASOLINE INCREASES 19 PERCENT EFFECTIVE 1 MARCH 1976. FOR COMPARABLE VEHICLE TRAVEL THE RESULT WAS AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$48.

D. OTHER REASONS FOR SECOND HALF FY 76 INCREASES WERE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OFFICER EACH AT THE BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING IN PARIS AND AT THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN DELHI. THE MEETING IN PARIS WAS IMPORTANT TO THE MISSION IN VIEW OF THE LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH. THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE WAS USEFUL GIVEN THE MOUNTING FRAUDULENT EFFORTS BY BANGLADESHIS

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SEEKING TO IMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES.

ALSO CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AT THE PORT OF CHITTAGONG AND WITH STORAGE LOSSES, NECESSITATED SEVERAL TRIPS OF EMBASSY GSO PERSONNEL TO THE PORT. THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ALSO COMBINED AN ORIENTATION TRIP TO THE PORT WITH A FAMILIARIZATION TRIP FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFI-

CULTIES WE ARE STILL FACING IN REGARD TO CUSTOMS CLEAR-  
ANCE IT IS DEEMED IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
TO INCREASE RATHER THAN DECREASE THE FREQUENCY OF OUR  
TRIPS TO THE PORT. WHENEVER POSSIBLE WE TIME TRIPS TO  
COINCIDE WITH SHIP ARRIVALS AND BRING SUPPLIES TO  
CHITTAGONG FROM DACCA IN THE SAME TRUCK WHICH BRINGS  
SUPPLIES BACK FROM CHITTAGONG.

IN SUMMARY, EXCLUDING THE \$209 AND \$48 ABOVE-MENTIONED, WE  
PERFORMED 57 PERCENT MORE TRIPS (107 VERSUS 68) FOR AN INCREASED  
COST OF ONLY 5 PERCENT (\$18,356 VS \$17,749). THIS COST FIGURE  
WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHER BUT FOR DEVALUATION OF LOCAL  
CURRENCY.  
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